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An Information Periodical For DISC Employees

Ideas

Please send us any ideas for articles, or other suggestions, for the DISC Newsletter.

SHARP 8.9

The Department of Administration is gearing up for another upgrade of SHARP, the Statewide Human Resources and Payroll system. The SHARP system provides human resource, payroll, and benefits services and information of the state's workforce of over 52,000 full and part time workers. It is used by over 800 central and state agency HR/Payroll workers, and the employee self-service features are available to all state employees.

The software that forms the basis for the SHARP system will go out from under maintenance by the vendor in the spring of 2005. To reduce the risk of failure of one of the state's most mission critical systems, it is important that the system be upgraded to a version that is fully supported by the vendor. In addition, the upcoming release of the software will be the last version for which a direct upgrade path from the current version of the system will be provided. The system must be upgraded at this time if we are to avoid the costs associated with a reinstall of the system.

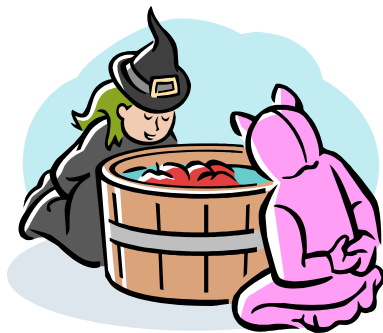
KIRMS

DISC is in the process of installing a system that will improve many of our current processes and automate some others. The Kansas Integrated Resource Management System (KIRMS) will integrate the Service Requests, Work Orders, Trouble Tickets with the Billing System.

Our customers will still be able to submit service requests via the Internet. They will also be able to view their monthly bill from DISC over the Internet and customers will be able to view the status of their service requests on-line.

The automation part of the system involves work orders that will be able to reduce items from the inventory and initiate the re-order of items when the inventory level is too low. Once the work order is complete it is automatically submitted to billing and added to the customer's bill for the month.

We have just submitted the first load of data to our vendor who will install it in the software so we can "play" with the system to see how it works. There will be two more data loads, and a couple months of running parallel with the old systems before going live next spring.



EMPLOYEE INFO

Happy October Birthdays to:



Brian Mc Alpin

Dave Timpany

Dion Davis

David Thompson

Jerry Merryman

David Dobber

Swanee Lawrence

Kelly Ernst

Jay Coverdale

Linda Flye

Morris Obornys

Joe Hennes

Theresa Duran

Charlene Atwood

Dan Glotzbach

Scott Wills

Todd Standeford

Births

Jeff Muller's son
Jake William



Haley Atwood

Haley's last day with DISC was September 10, 2004. She spent about six months in BAS and retired early from her state government career. Haley is now happy at her new job as a performer, entertaining the toddlers at her day care facility.

Below are some pictures of Haley, please feel free to write captions for the pictures and return to Doug Quinn who will publish them in next month's newsletter.



***Have a great childhood Haley,
come back and visit us anytime!***

DISC Softball Team

The DISC Softball Team was first place in their bracket. The team that finally won over DISC ended up winning the tournament. Everyone had a great time! Some of the team players are displayed below.

Congratulations DISC Team!



KUDOS

BOT

To: Tony Appelhanz

Just want to pass on that we had a phone problem recently and Tony Appelhanz responded quickly and got it fixed. We thought we had it licked the first time, but apparently did not. He made a personal visit to follow-up the next day and made sure things were right. I just like the "higher-ups" to know service is great.

From: Mark Braun, Office of Administrative Hearing

Way to go Tony!!



KS Preparedness Month

The emergency responders of Northeast Kansas want to help you and your family be better prepared for any harmful event. From flooding to terrorist activity they advise, "Knowing you are prepared for an emergency can help you and your family stay calm – and act effectively."

These pictures were taken at the September 9, 2004 State Capital Rally on "Being Prepared". Take time to check out the www.ready.gov Website to find ways to prepare for possible emergencies.

Find out what it means to 'Shelter in Place' or what to do in a lightning storm. Self-Decontamination instructions are given for those who have been exposed to radiation. There is also a whole list of what 'not to do' in an emergency.

A few copies of a booklet titled, *Emergency Preparedness* are available at the front desk.

